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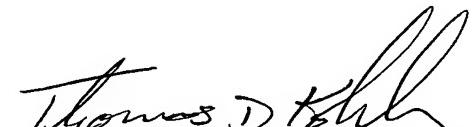
Claims 1-16 are pending in the application. In the office action dated December 20, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 1-9 and 12-16, and objected to claims 10 and 11 as containing allowable subject matter but being dependent on a rejected claim.

In this amendment, claims 1-9 and 12-16 have been canceled. The subject matter of claim 7 has been incorporated into claims 10 and 11, which are rewritten each in independent form. Claims 10 and 11 each depended directly upon claim 7.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that the application as a whole is in form for allowance. Should the Examiner have any continuing objections, the Applicants respectfully ask the Examiner to contact the undersigned at 415-442-1106 in order to expedite allowance of the case. Authorization is granted to charge any outstanding fees due at this time for the continued prosecution of this matter to Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0310 (matter no. 060945-0113).

Respectfully submitted,

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